



Robert Moncivais

October 3, 1960 - October 3, 2013

Robert "Bob" Moncivais, 53, of Iron River, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Bob was born December 24, 1959 in Chicago, IL, the son of Joseph and Carmen (Alicia) Moncivais. He graduated from Reavis High School in Burbank, IL and began his career as a musician. In 1981 while playing in bands that traveled the United States, Bob met the love of his life, Barbara "Bee" (Brandy) Benson. They were married on March 3, 1990 in Iron River and together they continued to travel the U.S. playing music. Eventually making their home in Iron River, they started their own business, Dr. Beat Recording Studio. For the past 35 years they have continued to entertain regionally in a variety of venues as the bands "Los Gatos," "Glass Heart" and currently as the band "In The Pocket." In 2000-2004 they performed as the evangelical outreach music ministry group known as "A Step In The Faith." Bob had a true passion for music and was an excellent and gifted bass player as well as a phenomenal music programmer. Bob enjoyed sports and was an avid Chicago Bears fan. He loved spending time with family and he especially loved his nieces and nephews. He had a soft heart for animals and dearly loved the family pets. He coined the phrase that his bands played "music for the soul." Bob's love of "rhythm" will remain evident in the music he created and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Bee; his mother, Carmen; a sister, Renee (Jim) Sutera of Aurora, IL; two brothers, Jerry Moncivais of Chicago and Mike Moncivais (Nila) of Barbourville, Kentucky; mother-in-law, Ginny Benson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed (Hydee) Benson of Iron River, Rosemary (Donie) Malitz of WI, Punner (Mike) Franzene of Iron River, Lynda (Wade) Cross of Crystal Falls, Amy (Mark S.) Johnson of Iron River and Heidi (Jim) Barron of IL; and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Moncivais and his father-in-law, Chester "Chet" Benson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 9:00 until 11:00am at the U.P. River Church in Iron River. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Pastor Jim Pellizzer will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Ed Benson, Donie Malitz, Mike Franzene, Wade Cross, Mark Johnson and Jim Barron.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bob Moncivais online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Good morning Bobbo! Wishing you a happy heavenly birthday today! Can't wrap myself around the fact that you've been gone for nine years. Where does the time go. Still miss you and think of you just about every day for some reason or another. Happy Heavenly Birthday brother! See you when I get home there.

punner franzene - December 24, 2022 at 08:07 AM

BM

“ It's been over 4 years since you've been gone. I think of you everyday! The music stopped the day you passed away but somehow that just didn't seem right. A few months ago I made a decision to try and get into music again to honor you and Dad. Maybe you could ask the Lord to bless the new project. I know that Heaven is so much richer with you and Dad there. You will always be in my heart! Love, Your Wife

Barbara Moncivais - January 28, 2018 at 04:45 PM

MF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. I first met him when I worked for Bryan Sirchio's Crosswind Music in Three Lakes, WI. Hello to Brandy & Rosie & Donnie.

Bobby gave me a couple of bass lessons. I bought an amp from him. He also subbed for me in Red Hot N Blue when I was pregnant with my son Shane, and due any day.

Bobby was always smiling, never had a bad word to say about anybody. Always encouraging and gracious and humble. And of course, he could really play! He was an inspiration as a musician and a human being.

Michelle Zanoni - Boulder Junction, WI - Friend - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *I was looking forward to playing with you someday; I guess it will have to be a little later. Peace to you and your entire family.*

Paul Sundquist - Kenosha, WI - Friend - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Show You Right.*

George B. - L'Anse , MI - Niece - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“*"STRAIGHT UP" -and- (Like "Leon" said) - "The Beatles of the North."*

I hear "FRED" -and- "BRANDY's KEYBOARD"

w/all your "PROGRAMMED PERCUSSION PARTS."

Your "TOWER of POWER" -and- Your "SOUL" - "LOWS" -and- "FUNK"

On your "BASS GUITAR."

"BOBBO', I feel privileged to have played music with you.

Whether it be on a "FLATBED TRUCK" - "CONCRETE SLAB"

-or_ "ON A BANDSTAND', (Behind a "FILLED DANCE FLOOR")

We had "LOTS OF GOOD TIMES" . . . Good Times, "GALORE!"

"GOOD FOOD!" - "LAUGHTER" -and- "FUN!"

"SUPERBOWL PARTIES" were the "BEST ONES!"

"REHEARSALS -and- PRACTICE?" Well, THE FACT IS:

Whether at HOME - THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE - THE BARBER SHOP

-or- IN OUR DINGY BASEMENT,

YOU brought out the BEST IN MY MUSIC ABILITIES . . .

MUCH TO MY AMAZEMENT!

YOU -and- BRANDY will forever be "THE KIDS".

I was in your wedding. I heard you say "I DO" -and- You Both "DID!"

-and- It's NOT Just My Imagination, BRANDY . . .

There's (still) a "RIBBON IN THE SKY" for You -and- Your Guy!

So 'BOLT UPRIGHT", - "GIVE-R-w/ TAR PAPER, EH?

I will always remember you in a "FUNKY WAY."

Someday, you'll 'GIG" together again.

A different 'STAGE", you will share.

Hey, BOB! HOW's THE ACCOUSTICS "UP THERE"?

Testing ... Testing ... "ONE - TWO" ... "CHECK - CHECK"

'YOU GOT TO PRAY TO MAKE IT TODAY!"

+May THE LORD be with YOU -and- YOURS, IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW.

P-E-R-S-O-N-A-L-L-Y, Ginger Miller

Ginger Miller - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - October 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I am so sorry to here about Bob. He was a extraordinary person. I would see him jogging in the morning when I lived near and he was always so pleasant and friendly. Always had a smile on his face and asking how are you. I met him At walmart a month ago. He and Bee were so nice. I was great seeing both of them. You are all in my prayers. I know him and Chet are together watching over there loving family.*

Cynthiia Mendoza Absolon - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ *oye vato
i'm missin you boy,this week has been tough for me . the good thing is you no longer suffer and you have endless Peace. ive spent long hours talking with you in person and on the phone. what an amazing passionate person you are Bobbo
and you are one who cannot be replaced we were all blessed to have known you here every morning I tip my Dunkin Donuts coffee to you when i'm on my way to work your work here is done i smile when i know your layin down the groove in the kingdom of God(He must like the Funk too)*

*Dont worry about Bee we all will watch over her until we meet again
PEACE*

Herb Green - gaastra, MI - Vato - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My sweet sister Brandy,

Bob did a lot of incredible things in the short time he was with us. He mastered the bass, he became an amazing producer, he acquired a love for birds and nature, he created a home for his little family, he touched the lives of so many, but most important of all, he married his soulmate and gave me the sister I always wanted. Thank you for loving my brother all these years, especially when he was a brat. ;) I admire and respect you so much for being at his side every day until his last breath. I hope that one day I can be as wonderful a wife as you were to him.

To our extended family the Bensons, thank you for loving Bobby as we did. He was blessed to have the love and friendship you gave him. For that we are forever grateful and proud to call you family.

To Bob's friends in Iron River and beyond, thank you for honoring my sweet brother in life and in death. It's easy to see why he loved his chosen home town so much.

Finally, my angel of a big brother Bobby, I will miss you every second of the rest of my life. Thank you for teaching me about unconditional love. I will spend the rest of my life honoring your memory. I love and miss you with all my heart.

Renee Sutera - Aurora, IL - Sister - October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Barb,

Jen and I so very sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. We offer our deepest sympathy and our prayers are with you and the whole family.

*All Our Love
Dave & Jen*

Dave & Jen Rassel - Highland, IN - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Barbie and Family,
John and I want to send our love to you all at this time; Bob will
always be in our hearts...always; he was such a loving man himself,
and always stopped to say hi when we saw each other. He will be
sadly missed and we will all see him again one day. Gods Peace be
with you all, sent with love!*

Bonnie and John Bruce - Crystal Falls, MI - Friends - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Been thinking about you everyday. I know you'll have alot of good
company up there. Remember to look thru the portals and keep
watch over Barbie and the dogs, too. They miss you dearly. We all
do.. . Love you..*

Jim and Heidi Barron - IL - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EU

“ *my dearest Barbie,
we are so sorry to hear of Bobs passing please accept our deepest
sympathy to you and the family im sorry we didn't make it to the
funeral as we just got home from the Milwaukee VA as uncle had a
doctors apt there will keep u in our prayers all our love auntie and
uncle God Bless*

eugene and joann lane - white pine , MI - aunt and uncle - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Oh Brandy,
I just heard about Bobby. My wife (Bonnie, who you never met), said she heard his obituary on the radio. My jaw and my heart sunk to the floor. I never understood what happened between us, but I always had love in my heart for you and Bobby and I've missed you both. I am so sorry for your loss, and for the loss to everyone who ever knew him. You and Bobby were always two of my favorite people. If Bonnie and I can be of any assistance to you for anything, please don't hesitate to call. 715-891-1387

I left this message (above) on Bobby's facebook page as I don't have an email address and I just found out what the funeral home was.

Making music with you and Bobby left me with great memories of you both.

Greg Everett

Greg Everett - Conover, WI - friend - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Barb and Family*
I am so sorry for the loss of Bob. He truly was a great person and I know will be terribly missed. Bud and I used to love to go out to Losey's Landing when Glass Heart would play and dance the night away!! Those will always be great memories. Hold on to all of the good memories, and he will stay close in your hearts. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Sherry Pangrazzi - Iron River, MI - friend of the family - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Barb,
So sorry for your loss. I know it will be really tough for you losing your best friend and the love of your life but know Bob will be in your heart forever. Remember, you are a strong lady and God does not give us more than we can handle - you will get through this. My prayers are with you Barb.

Jean - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Barb,
Im so sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. I will always have fond memories of when I used to do his hair and what a kind and gentle soul he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,
Ann Beaster

Ann Beaster - Neenah, WI - friend - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Your smiling face will be missed in the neighborhood.

Robt. & Mary Baumgartner - Iron River, MI - Neighbor - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We had lots of great times I will never forget! love always Jeff sweeney

Jeff Sweeney - Rhinelander, WI - Friend - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dearest Barb,
We prayed fervently for a healing but God must of had other plans for your beloved. We shall miss Bob's smiling face and friendly wave whenever we saw him in the neighborhood. We pray for peace and comfort for you.
Big Hugs, Brian & Lori

Brian & Lori Rippey - Iron River, MI - Neighbors - October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My Dear Barbara, my heart hurts for your loss, but relieved that Bob is finally free of pain and he is in a better place. You will dearly miss him, but have to keep all the fun memories alive within you. I didn't know Bob very well, but always remember you two coming to the "Coffee Cabin" to do some composing and planning of your music. You two always brought a smile on my face as I watched you guys working so hard on your music! See you when I get back home and you will get the bigggggsssst HUG! Love you Bee!

Sue

Sue Read - Iron River, MI - Friend/co-worker - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man. Always smiling. I'm gonna miss seeing him in the neighborhood especially helping my family try to catch our little dog when he runs into their yard. God Bless you Bob and Barb.

Lisa Harju - Iron River, MI - Neighbor - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Bee.....words cannot express how deeply saddened we are to hear of "Bobbo's" passing...I'm in tears as I write this, my heart filled with sorrow for you and your family. We have a comfort in knowing that Bob is now in his eternal home, free of pain, completely healed. We rejoice with you on one hand, knowing He's with the Lord, but on the other hand, we grieve because we've lost such a wonderful brother in Christ. We have so many memories with you guys, too many to count. Living with us in Lonsdale, campfire stories at Chicagon Lake, playing in the band with "Gar", Riverside pizzas..to name a few. :) You guys have always been a part of our family, and we will always remember Bobbo as a joyful, genuinely loving and caring guy. Whenever we were with him, there was always "belly" laughter involved. :) He will be missed dearly and will forever remain in our hearts, until we're reunited again someday in Heaven. We love you both so much.....many prayers coming your way Bee. HUGS...

Lisa (Tass) Reimer, Cory, Jordan & Paige - Riverview, FL - Family Friend -
October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Babs, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Bob was an exceptional person and gone too early. Please know he is at peace and you now have another guardian angel looking down upon you. My prayers go out to you during this time.

Lisa Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend/former Co-worker UPSD - October 07,
2013 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ I wasn't expecting God's plan to go like this, but he is in control...I promise to take good care of Auntie Bee. I'll be looking forward to another date again one day...apple pie, Tj-Maxx, Best Buy, Goodwill and Chi-Chi's....mmmm did someone say Mexican food? Thank you for all the great times in the studio, while you helped Audry and I become 'famous'! Lol....I will miss you soooo much! Little bug misses you too!

Bug - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Our hearts and prayers go to Bee and family in this most difficult time. If we were to quiet ourselves, we could hear God saying to Bob, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Welcome in to the joy of your Master's house."

Dave & Barb Adamson - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Positive breeds positive. Bob always had a great upbeat positive attitude, no matter what kind of day he was having he always saw the positive. He and Bee were definitely soul mates that brought out the best in those around them. He will be greatly missed but will not soon be forgotten. We love you Bee and are thinking and praying for you always!

Anna Kegley - Iron River, MI - friend - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Barb and family: Shocked and sadden to learn of your loss. Always a wonderful smile and so polite, God knows he has a good one. May God bless you and your family during these difficult times, Sincerely,Rex.

Rex A. Angeli - Iron River, MI - Friend - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ He will always be "Music Bob" to me. As my step dad (Lane Hagen) fondly referred to him as. Always a smile on his face and the kindest, most gentle, friendly person. He will be missed by all who ever had the pleasure of meeting him.

Sarah McCord - Iron River, MI - Friend - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

S:

“ Because of you Uncle Bob, I named my daughter Audry. I can still remember how happy you were about that. I will forever have a piece of you now. I miss you dearly and still can't believe the Lord called you home so quickly. Now you can play the Bass alongside your father, your father-in-law, and Thee Father. I love you!

Sari Franzene - Iron River, MI - Niece (One of his Favorites) :) - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our sincere sympathy. In friendship and caring . . .Barb, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dan & Sue Passamani - Bates, MI - Friends - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I love you uncle B.

Marla - Iron River, MI - Niece - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Hey Bobbo - sadly missing you yet rejoicing through the tears knowing you are healed. I know the trumpets were blowing in Heaven as they escorted you home. Now they will have the most phenomenal BASS player there to join papa Chet on the guitar. You are missed my beloved brother in law. We will take great care of our sister Bee. Till we meet again my dear "soulful" brother.

Punner Franzene - Iron River, MI - Sister in Law - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Bob*
You were taken too soon from everyone. The suffering is over and you are with God, but you had many more years on earth. I will count the time until we are together in Heaven together. I love you brother and I miss you terribly.

Bee

I am so sorry. Renee and I, along with the Moncivais and Sutera family will always be there for you. XOXO

Jim Sutera - Aurora, IL - Brother in law - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I met Bob and Bee working out mornings in the fitness room (basement) of Dr. Newby's office. Good times. We stayed in touch through Facebook. A great guy in the eyes of everyone he met...*

Jan Harrison - Tucson, AZ - friend - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Bob was such a wonderfully upbeat and kind person! I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers to Barb and her family.*

Becky Davis (Kataja) - Iron River, MI - Family friend - October 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM